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Phil Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Isenberg and Members of the Task Force:

On behalf of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to ask the Task Force to consider the requests outlined below as the Delta Vision process approaches its final report. The County greatly appreciates the work of the Task Force and the Stakeholder Coordinating Group in seeking a vision for a sustainable and resilient Delta. Yolo County contains part of the primary and secondary zones of the Delta, contains many miles of state project levees, has a long history of fostering agriculture, and a substantial stake in the protection of the vast natural resources in the Delta.

Yolo County requests that the Task Force consider the following in developing its final report, and in any recommendations forwarded on to the next step in the process:

Management and governance

Delta counties will bear a substantial portion of the economic and social effects of state policy changes such as those being contemplated for the Delta, and should have a seat at the table in any future planning for protecting and managing the Delta, and in ultimate Delta governance.

Economic Effects

Among other economic issues, Yolo County provides a substantial part of the flood management capacity for the Central Valley through state project levees and the Yolo Bypass, and this should be recognized and economically rewarded by the urban areas they help protect.

Habitat, agriculture, and flood management

The County has a strong interest in protecting the agricultural and habitat values in the County, not least in the Yolo Bypass, which is an integral part of the flood protection for Sacramento and will also be part of the planning for the Delta in both flood and ecosystem management contexts.

HCP/NCCP integration

The Yolo County Natural Heritage Program (HCP/NCCP) is nearing completion and must be considered in planning and implementation of Delta management strategies, as well as integrated with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Yolo County applauds the establishment of co-equal value for the Delta ecosystem and its water carrying capacity, and again, we appreciate the hard work of the Task Force and Stakeholder Group. We look forward to participating in the development of strategies to realize that vision, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mariko Yamada
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblywoman Lois Wolk
Assemblyman Doug La Malfa
Senator Michael Machado
Linda Fiack, Delta Protection Commission
John Kirlin, Blue Ribbon Task Force